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Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001 and 57/283 B of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Authorizes* the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

2. *Decides* to appropriate related resources under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005,[3] to finance the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, on the understanding that within the overall appropriation an amount up to 1,139,000 United States dollars would represent a charge against the contingency fund, if approved in the context of the consideration by the General Assembly of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to it by the Secretary-General;

3. *Also decides* to approve the utilization of an amount of 913,000 dollars for the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations

[1] A/58/530.
[2] A/58/7/Add.6.
[3] A/58/6 (Sect. 33).

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Office at Nairobi, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account, subject to the decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the experience gained from operating the modernized conference facilities of the United Nations Office at Nairobi during the biennium 2006-2007.